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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Shuji HITOMI  
ELECTRODE FOR FUEL CELL AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION  
THEREOF  
Our Ref. Q63901

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including thirty six (36) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, five (5) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	44	-	20	=	24	x	\$18.00	=	\$432.00
Independent claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	\$80.00	=	\$160.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$270.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$1572.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1612.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1572.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 31, 2000, and February 2, 2001, based on JP Application Nos. 2000-097199, and 2001-026447 respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

**Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, April 02, 2001 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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